

**Weather Forecast**  
Partly cloudy; lowest about 56 tonight; tomorrow cloudy, followed by light showers; not much change in temperature. Temperatures today—Highest, 63, at 1 p.m.; lowest, 56, at 2 a.m.  
From the United States Weather Bureau report. Full details on Page A-2.

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Most people in Washington have The Star delivered to their homes every evening and Sunday morning.  
(AP) Means Associated Press.

## NAZIS DIVE-BOMBING BRITISH AT 4 PORTS

### Fresh Troops Arriving to Help Break Flanders Trap; French Squeezing Gap

#### Destruction of Surrounded Army Within Week Forecast by Berlin

**Breach Now Only 20 Miles Wide, Paris Says**

**BULLETIN.**  
BERLIN (AP).—German and Allied troops fought today in the streets of Calais, just 22 miles from England, while Adolf Hitler's dive bombers rained destruction on four Channel harbors, where the British apparently are attempting to land reinforcements to break the trap around Allied Armies in Flanders.  
"Stuka" dive bombers dropped explosives on harbors at Dieppe and Dunkerque, France, and Ostend and Blankenberge, Belgium. The last port is a famous sea resort.

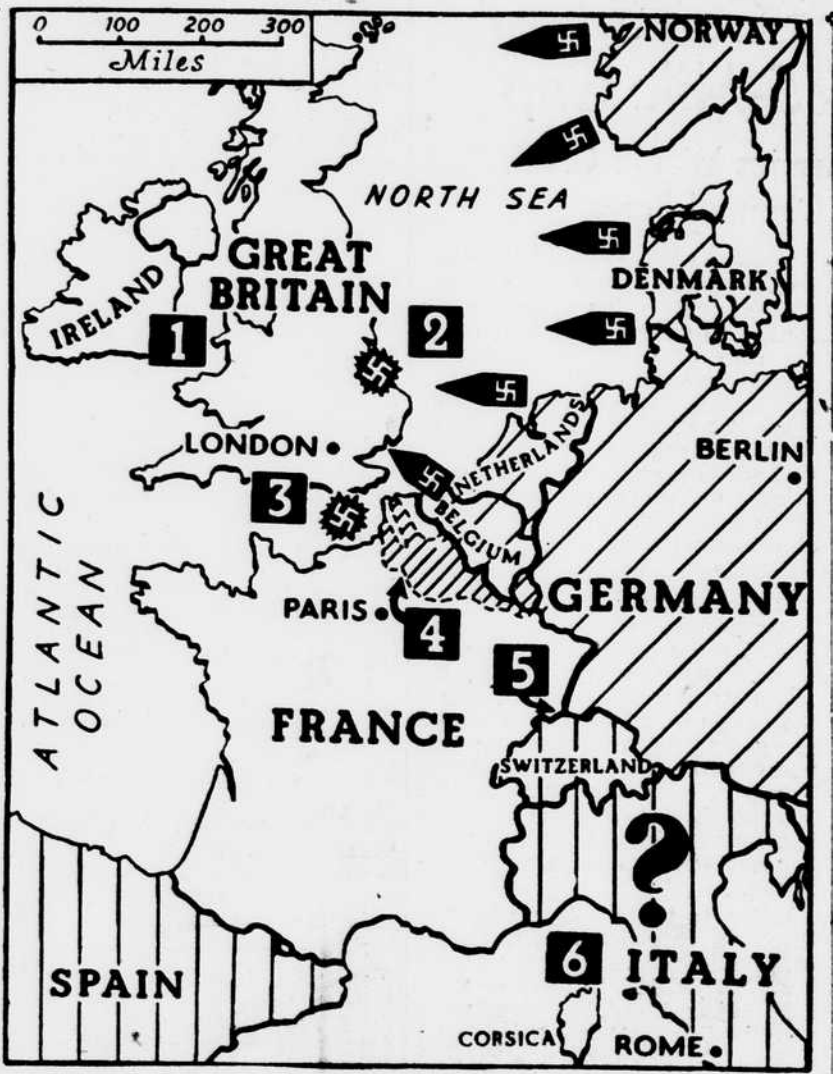
The French battled today to close the German gap in Allied lines in the Peronne-Bapaume area as authorized German sources said that the British-French-Belgian Armies, now encircled in Northern France and Belgium, would be "wiped out" within a week.  
The German high command said the Allied Armies in Flanders had been completely encircled yesterday, and the authorized Berlin sources said the lightning stabs of Adolf Hitler's legions had reduced the area of the Flanders battleground by two-thirds in 48 hours.

The French said that the breach in the Allied lines had been reduced yesterday from 30 to 35 to about 20 miles in width, but admitted that German units were still pouring through to the coastal plain.  
**Nazi Advance Declared Checked.**  
The Nazi advance in the St. Omer region has been checked, however, a French military spokesman asserted, and the whole front is "without change." The situation at Boulogne was termed "unchanged."  
Nazi forces driving through Flanders, it said, completed the encirclement operation yesterday, captured the important English Channel port of Boulogne, the Belgian cities of Ghent and Courtrai and crossed the Lys River.  
The British admitted that the Allied outlook is growing darker.  
The German gain means that the Allied forces are isolated, with the Germans stretched in an unbroken line in front of them and the English Channel at their backs. Unless a corridor can be broken through to them, it appears, they must surrender, die or try to escape by water.  
It puts the Germans another step closer to position for an invasion of England.  
The British banned details of the fighting in France, where they admitted the peril of the British expeditionary force in a "very grave and very confused" situation.

**Fight to Narrow Gap**  
PARIS, May 25 (AP).—The French fought desperately today to narrow further the deadly 20-mile gap in the Allied lines north of the Somme, but "blitzkrieg" German units—swift motorcyclists and armored cars—were reported still moving steadily through the breach to the English Channel.

French troops in the Channel coast region, according to a military spokesman, were fighting off the German advance guards and were said to have checked the Nazi advance in the St. Omer region.  
The Peronne-Bapaume breach yesterday was 30 to 35 miles wide, but the dogged French, determined to save their comrades in arms from the Nazi pincer movement, declared they had cut the distance to 20 miles.  
**Flanders Fight Continues.**  
In the St. Omer region, the French military spokesman said, the shifting warfare consisted mainly of a series of localized combats while the "Battle of Flanders" went on in full course in the Cambrai-Valenciennes sector. St. Omer is (See PARIS, Page A-3).

**Beware of False Orders, Reynaud Tells French People**  
By the Associated Press.  
PARIS, May 25.—Premier Reynaud cautioned the French people today to beware of false orders which, he said, German agents are spreading by telephone and handbills with signatures of French officials—sometimes even his own.  
Warnings also were issued against alleged German propaganda efforts to divide France and Britain.



**GERMANS TRY TO CLOSE AN IRON RING**—German Armies pointed north in France and west from Belgium today, trying to complete an iron ring around Great Britain that begins in Norway and continues down the North Sea coast. British sought spies in Ireland (1) and watched the Irish Sea approach. German planes bombed the Eastern English coast (2), and sounds of battle were heard off Channel ports (3). The French claimed advances in the Somme region (4). A thundering artillery battle was reported on the Rhine (5) only 5 miles from the Swiss border. Italy was mobilized (6), but war remained a Mussolini question mark. —A. P. Wirephoto.

#### Can Still Retrieve Situation, British Say Worriedly

**Ban Is Clamped on News Of Fighting; Churchill Emphasizes Gravity**

**By the Associated Press.**  
LONDON, May 25.—British military sources, asserting the position of the Allied armies in France was "very grave," declared today that a co-ordinated Allied effort still can retrieve the situation.  
"It should be remembered that the form of warfare employed by the Germans has its weaknesses as well as its strength," these sources said.  
"There is no reason for loss of confidence."  
Britain clamped a firm ban on details of the fighting in France where the British expeditionary force was struggling in a "very confused" position.  
Prime Minister Churchill, urging the labor unions to a supreme effort in behalf of the country, declared the gravity of the situation was deepening "hour by hour."  
Mr. Churchill said "the country's needs are imperative, inescapable and urgent, and we shall pay dearly if we fail to meet them. We can meet them now, as the government is founded upon a new unity of national purpose and with the creative energies of a people awakened to the magnitude of the task."  
"We have the fullest confidence in the readiness of organized workers to accept obligations arising out of (See LONDON, Page A-4).

#### Two New Earth Tremors Cause Panic in Peru

**By the Associated Press.**  
LIMA, Peru, May 25.—Two slight earth tremors brought new panic to this section of Peru today, but added little destruction and apparently no new casualties to the 249 dead and more than 3,000 injured in yesterday's earthquake. Most of the dead were school children.  
The government has approved measures for maintenance of public order, distribution of food and clothing to the homeless, shelter for the refugees and free burial for the dead.  
Thousands were left homeless. In the seaport of Callao, where the death toll was put at 150, scarcely a building escaped unscathed. The seaside resort of Chorrillos, close by, also was devastated.

#### War Bulletin

**ROME (AP).**—Petrus Giovacchini, chief of Corsica's irredentists, issued a manifesto today to "Corsican brothers living under oppression" in that French insular department, saying, "The moment of redemption is near."

#### Ring Is Declared Locked Tightly On Half Million

**By the Associated Press.**  
BERLIN, May 25.—Authoritative German sources said tonight that the Reich's armies of the west had reduced the Flanders battleground, in which the Allied armies are encircled, by two-thirds in the last 48 hours, and predicted the encircled units would be "wiped out" within a week.  
The high command said the German ring was locked solidly now around the Belgian Army, the main body of the British expeditionary force and parts of France's 1st, 7th and 9th Armies.  
"Weak" Allied attacks intended to relieve these forces have been thrown back, the army command stated.  
An "increasing" number of Allied prisoners in this trapped force, which has been estimated at between 500,000 and 1,000,000 men, are being engulfed in this major development, it was said, and "the amount of booty cannot be estimated."  
The high command declared that the Lys River, Belgium's last natural line of defense, had been crossed; Ghent and Courtrai, Belgium, captured; the French Channel port of Boulogne wrested from land and naval forces, and nearby Calais encircled.

#### Vimy Ridge Captured

Vimy Ridge, death-haunted battleground of Canadian and German forces in the World War, was reported captured in the general action along the southern edge of the German salient to the sea, where the Germans said they had beaten back "weak enemy relief attacks."  
"Vimy Ridge between Lillers and St. Omer up to Gravelines is in German possession," said the daily high command communiqué.  
The capture of Boulogne and the threat at the gates of Calais advanced the threat of direct attack on England, for they lie only 26 and 22 miles, respectively, from the Folkestone-Dover coast.  
Germans have said, however, that occupation of the narrowing area of southwestern Belgium and North-western France—the sack of territory upon which the Nazis are pulling the drawing—is a necessary (See BERLIN, Page A-4).

#### French Drop Crack Train As Economy Measure

**By the Associated Press.**  
PARIS, May 25.—The Simplon-Orient Express, one of Europe's crack trains, running from Paris through Switzerland to Italy, has been canceled as an "economy measure," the Ministry of Public Works announced today.  
It said this action was only temporary.

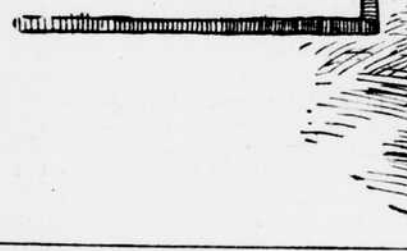
#### Emperor Penguin Dies, Huddling Close to Keeper Friend

**By W. H. SHIPPEN, Jr.**  
Dugan died at the Zoo last yesterday, huddled close to his best friend, like a child in distress.  
For hours the big Emperor penguin had fought for breath. Frightened, he sought out his keeper, Malcolm Davis, and leaned against him, as if asking for help.  
But there was little Mr. Davis could do, although the two had been through much together—on a blizzard-swept ice barrier in the Antarctic last January, when Mr. Davis captured the lone Emperor, and later on the United States Antarctic expedition's supply ship North Star, beating through a polar storm to Valparaiso, Chile.  
The tall Emperor penguins are valuable birds which dwarf lesser species and are almost unknown in captivity. Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd brought a half a dozen back from a previous expedition to the Antarctic and all died shortly after they were landed in this country. Rare and highly-prized as the birds are to zoologists, no one knows how to treat their ailments.  
Dugan yesterday was breathing hard, his muscular white and orange-feathered chest heaving and his long black beak gasping for air. He apparently was suffering from some fungus growth which was closing his wind pipe. He kept crowding close to Mr. Davis, burying his head against the keeper's chest, as if frightened that the man would leave him. Dugan was a great favorite with Zoo attendants, who took turns feeding him by hand—and with the public as well. Word spread that the Emperor was dying, and people were sorry to see him go.  
It was in hope of netting such a specimen that Zoo Director William M. Mann arranged to have Mr. Davis accompany Admiral Byrd's men when they sailed for the Far South last November. The first day the North Star pulled in at the ice barrier Mr. Davis noticed a small dark object, like some lonely dwarf, on the desolate expanse to the south. Mr. Davis and a sailor friend went over the side to investigate. Little as the two amateur ex-



Keeper Malcolm Davis and Dugan. —Star Staff Photo.

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#### Nazi Bombing Squads Rain Missiles on French Airports

**Formations of 30 to 40 Dump Their Shells, Go Back and Reload**

**By H. TAYLOR HENRY.**  
Associated Press War Correspondent.  
WITH THE ADVANCED FRENCH AIR ARMY SOMEWHERE IN NORTHERN FRANCE, May 24 (Delayed in Transit).—German bombing squadrons in massed formations of 30 to 40 planes rained bombs on French airports in North Central France today in an effort to halt the French pilots' desperate campaign to cut down Germany's admitted numerical superiority in warplanes.  
The heaviest raids, in which hundreds of bombs were dropped, came during the early morning and just before and after noon.  
They were directed at the airports supporting the land armies locked in the battle for supremacy in Northern France.  
Pilots in the squadrons based on these fields are almost literally doing the work of three men. (22 words censored here.) Then they return to their bases, reload and are off again immediately.  
French air forces said today the initial Nazi advantage in the air was being cut down, but they added that even the experience and daring of the French pilots has not been (See HENRY, Page A-2).

#### Vatican Offers Refuge For War Diplomats

**By the Associated Press.**  
VATICAN CITY, May 25.—Luigi Cardinal Maglione, papal secretary of state, today offered quarters in Vatican City to diplomats accredited to the Holy See who thought their countries might become involved in war with Italy. The diplomats ordinarily live outside Vatican City, in Rome or its environs.  
In a letter, Cardinal Maglione asked these diplomats to advise him whether they would return to their native lands or accept the proffered residence here.  
Only the chiefs of diplomatic missions and secretary of each would be permitted to stay in the Vatican, the letter said.

#### Hull Silent on Report British Have Seized Embassy Employee

Secretary of State Hull today declined to confirm or deny reports that an employee of the American Embassy in London had been arrested by British authorities.  
The Secretary told his press conference there was nothing he could say about the reported arrest, referring back to that statement when asked specifically if the employee involved was an American citizen or a British subject.  
The arrest was reported in news dispatches from London which said the Embassy and British authorities there refused to discuss the matter.  
(See earlier London story on Page A-3).

#### Barlow Bomb Fails To Kill Goats in Demonstration

**By ROBERT BRUSKIN.**  
Star Staff Correspondent.  
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md., May 25.—Bomb inventor Lester P. Barlow confessed to a congressional delegation that he was the "goat" today.  
Detonation of his 1,000-pound liquid oxygen-carbon bomb which he predicted would revolutionize aerial bombardment, on May 24, failed to kill the goats. Not one was even bruised.  
The goats were tethered in six radial lines beginning 200 feet from the post on which the bomb was hung. The blast knocked a few off their feet, but before Army and Navy medical examiners could rush into the field, 2,500 yards from the grandstand, all had resumed grazing.  
Chairman Sheppard of the Senate Military Affairs Committee indicated Mr. Barlow, who walked out on the members of Congress May 16 because they were 10 minutes late, might be given another chance to demonstrate his bomb.  
**Keeps Guests Waiting.**  
Although Mr. Barlow refused to go through with the bombing May 16 because of the late arrival of his guests, he kept them waiting today for two hours and 20 minutes while he puttered out in the field, gave numerous orders for everyone to protect themselves from the concussion and seemed terribly concerned that all newsmen and newspaper photographers should have time to get as many pictures as they wanted.  
This afternoon the Army will detonate 1,000 pounds of T. N. T. with 84 other goats. Army officers expressed distaste for the necessity of harming goats but said they were under orders to go through with the experiment so that the killing effect of the two types of bombs could be demonstrated.  
Mr. Barlow, excited before the explosion, seemed not at all depressed afterwards. A friend expressed sympathy, saying, "It's a damn shame."  
"No, it isn't a damn shame," Mr. Barlow said. "It's the truth. We wanted to get it. I still think I have the most powerful explosive. This only proved it didn't knock out goats."  
"I've been making bombs for 25 years and this is my biggest flop. I'm disappointed. I'm surprised."  
**No Complaints, He Says.**  
At the last attempted experiment, Mr. Barlow loudly accused Army officers in general and Col. Burton O. Lewis, officer in charge of proofs at the grounds, in particular. Today, Mr. Barlow declared he had "no complaints against the Army, they helped me in every way."  
"I'm still going ahead with this explosive and develop it for military purposes," he said. "I hope I'm on the track of what the Germans used when they killed so many people in Barcelona. I still think that this (See BARLOW, Page A-6).

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Joining these authorities from private enterprise will be experts now in Government service, the whole to form a consulting and supervisory organization which will function in conjunction with development of the defense program. Mr. Early emphasized that it is not the President's plan to supersede any existing Government machinery by this proposed co-ordinating group, but rather to draw into a more efficient performance all parts of the mobilization machine.  
Thus far, Mr. Early added, the President has decided on the manner in which he wants to approach the problem, but has not fixed on the details, the identities of those who will be asked to participate, or the titles to be involved. Through-out its operation, the plan is to be kept flexible and very elastic, Mr. Early said, so that it may be adapted to rapidly-changing conditions.  
Memoranda on the project already are being prepared by the President's governmental advisers and likewise have been requested of outside authorities.  
Mr. Early stressed that the primary objective of the plan is to stabilize American life in the face of extraordinary demands and conditions which may arise out of Europe's war. In other words, the secretary explained, with this Nation engaged in a major defense effort, the President is anxious to prevent prices from soaring, to assure producers of reasonable profits and otherwise to forestall so far as possible the high and low tides that prevailed during the World War.  
Through the proposed group, Mr. Early concluded, the President hopes to accomplish a complete co-ordination of Government and American life.  
**Turns Attention to Address.**  
While this project is being slowly shaped up in the minds of administration advisers, President Roosevelt today turned his own attention entirely to preparation of his radio address to be made tomorrow night. Scheduled for both domestic and international broadcast at 9:30 o'clock, the speech will be Mr. Roosevelt's first such personal report to the country since last September 3. At that time, as Europe moved into the war, the Chief Executive promised the Nation there would be no "blackout of peace" in America.  
During the World War, a board of six cabinet officers and seven civilian experts constituted a Council of National Defense. Administration aides are said to have been studying an enabling statute, dating back to 1916, to determine what revisions in it may be necessary to provide for a similar group to co-ordinate and speed up the Nation's present extraordinary \$3,297,011,352 defense program.  
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#### Roosevelt Maps New Defense Organization

**Setup to Include Experts in Various Fields**

**By JOHN C. HENRY.**  
President Roosevelt will create a national defense emergency co-ordinating group, it was announced at the White House today, to represent a cross-section of all American interests in the mobilization program now contemplated.  
Substantiating, in effect, an Associated Press dispatch early today that the administration contemplated establishment of a national defense council, official announcement of the President's present plan was made by Stephen T. Early, secretary.  
The administration intention, Mr. Early said, is to call in experts from every avenue of the Nation's life, including such as transportation, communications, finance, agriculture, labor, consumer groups and industry.

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